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Jersey City, whose financial condition is proportionately as unfavorable as that of this city, has reduced the number of its officers and its salaries as the first step toward paying off its indebtedness. By the settlement of the Corporation debt upon the terms now under consideration, and a reduction of at least one half in the expenses of conducting the municipal government, the taxpayers of this city would be raised out of the slough of despond into which they have fallen, and be induced to make improvements that would increase the taxable value of their property; and the influence that would accrue, they would tend in no small degree toward securing the capital and enterprise from abroad necessary to develop and bring to fruition the natural advantages of Alexandria—advantages for manufactures and commerce unequalled by those of any other city on the Atlantic coast.

The Senate republicans, of which Mr. Anthony is a member, determined on Saturday evening last, to oppose, with all the means at its disposal, the passage of the army appropriation bill now before the Senate. And yet poor old Mr. Anthony, a week or so ago, made the determination of the democrats to await the session of their caucus the session for a week, perils and uncertainties attendant upon such a course. There are but few gentlemen on the republican side of the Senate who can afford to be factious, and Mr. Anthony is not one of them. The determination of Saturday, to which we refer, may have been influenced by the current rumor that the President, like a sensible man, will approve the bill when it shall be presented to him, knowing, as he does, that he has no just or proper grounds for vetoing it.

The pitiable condition to which the poor colored people were induced by false promises to leave their homes on the lower Mississippi and emigrate to Kansas, have been reduced has put Senator Windom on the defensive. He now says that he had nothing to do with instigating the emigration, and that the negroes had contemplated such a move long before he introduced his "migration" resolutions in the Senate. Before the starting condition of the colored emigrants in Kansas became public, Mr. Windom pointed to the exodus as the result of his resolutions, and piled himself upon it as affording a speedy and remarkable evidence of the foresight of his statesmanship.

A breach of promise case, in which both parties are colored, is now in progress in the District of Columbia court. If such suits are to be conducted on this side of the Potomac, the courts will have little or no time to devote to other matters, as the causes for action, and the importance with which a public trial is supposed by the majority of colored people to invest the principals, will be sufficient to keep the dockets full.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

General Mantouffier refuses to become Governor of Alsace and Lorraine.

Germany, it is stated, intends to prevent Americans from establishing themselves in Samoa to the detriment of other nations.

A meeting of 17,000 miners at Newcastle, England, yesterday rejected the masters' proposal to reduce wages 6 to 7 1/2 per cent.

M. J. H. Cartier de Villemessant, the well known French satirical writer and journalist, and long the director of the Paris Figaro, is dead, aged 67.

Gen. Stolpinski, commanding the Russian troops at Philippopolis, intends to order the mobilization of the gymnastic societies whose members are volunteers recommended by Russians. He says the immediate object is to replace Russian troops who are evacuating the Thracian line.

France and England will take no step in reference to the Sultan's proposal to depose the Khedive until they have had a full opportunity of concerting a common course. In Cairo business is entirely suspended, pending the crisis. The Khedive's new ministers are collecting money by compulsion, and a levy of 10,000 troops has been ordered.

Attempt to Assassinate the Czar of Russia.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—While the Czar was taking his usual morning walk early to day near the palace four shots from a revolver were fired at him. The Czar was unhurt. The man who fired the shots was arrested by the crowd which the firing attracted. The city is now decorated in token of thankfulness for the Czar's escape.

Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—Dr. Isaac Hayes, editor of the American Journal of Medical Sciences, who has been on the staff of that journal for fifty-two years, died here yesterday, aged eighty-three years.

THE SULTAN GIVING DINNERS.—To-day the Sultan gave a banquet to Vice Admiral Hornby, his staff, and all the captains of the fleet. Her Majesty's ship Antelope, the dispatch boat of the British Embassy, left this afternoon from the Bosphorus anchorage to bring back the invited guests. Abdul Hamid is beginning to relax his rule of strict seclusion, for this is the third or fourth grand dinner he has presided at within the last fortnight, given to the French Ambassador and some of his personnel, to the Persian Ambassador, and to the Imperial Cabinet. The cause of this sudden excess of sociability is not difficult to find. It is from a desire to conciliate the French and English Governments, who, it may almost be said, hold the fate of the Ottoman Empire in their hands.

ROBBERY.—Mr. Harry Kennedy, a member of Haverly's Minstrels, reported as the Washington police headquarters, last night, that he had been robbed of a satchel while en route to Washington from the South. He stated that a colored man committed the robbery about 8 o'clock at night, and jumped off the cars near this city. The authorities here have been notified of the affair and requested to keep a lookout for the thief.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Passion Play is being presented at St. Michael's Hall, Baltimore, in all its remarkable features.

The steamer Ontario has been chartered by the British government, and is soon to start from New York for Natal with 441 mules purchased in the West, and destined to serve in the war against the Zulus.

Louisa Wallace, convicted of the murder of her child, and James Peyton, the murderer of Jacob Day, are to be hanged in Washington on the 20th of June.

"A prominent southern politician" recently interviewed by a New York Tribune reporter, stated that Gen. Hancock will be nominated by the democrats for president in 1880, and that Grant will be his opponent.

The pork packing house of Figge & Bro., Brooklyn, N. Y., was entered by burglars early Saturday morning and the safe blown open with gunpowder and robbed of \$600 in notes and silver, \$1,500 in bank stock and some valuable documents.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, a widow, aged 81, in attempting to cross the railroad track at Cumberland, Md., yesterday, was knocked down and dragged a short distance by the engine of a passenger train from Pittsburg, and died in twenty minutes.

The New York Board of Brokers has a surplus fund amounting to nearly half a million of dollars. A minority is in favor of dividing it among themselves, while the majority contemplate its use in the purchase of real estate on which to erect a new exchange.

The executive committee of the "National Emigration Aid Society," has completed its organization by electing Senator Windom president, E. M. Melpherson, treasurer, and Richard T. Greener, secretary. Arrangements have been completed for perfecting local organizations. The officers of the association say their appeals for aid have met with favorable responses from philanthropic persons North and South, irrespective of party.

Mr. Kelley has prepared, and will introduce in the House of Representatives, at an early day, if possible, a bill to require the treasury and all sub-treasuries of the United States to redeem with legal tender money the subsidiary silver coins whenever presented for redemption in sums of \$3 or multiples thereof; and also provides that the further coinage of trade dollars shall be stopped; that they shall for twelve months be receivable at par for customs or any other other obligation due the United States, and that when so received they shall be recoined into standard silver dollars of 423 grains.

The court martial at Fort Sill, Indian Territory, in the case of Captain P. L. Lee, of the Tenth Cavalry, charged with having sent a challenge to fight a duel to Lieut. S. R. Whitehall, Sixteenth Infantry, have found him not guilty of the charge, but guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman in assaulting Whitehall with a cane, and sentenced him to be reduced on the list of army captains, and to forfeit \$500 of his pay. The President approves the sentence, but commutes the forfeiture of pay to \$50.

The receipts of the dog show of the West-mister Kennel Club, New York, which closed Friday evening, aggregated \$11,000, exclusive of \$2,000 for entry fees. The expenses were very heavy, but a snug sum remains to be applied to next year's exhibition. Amongst those in attendance at a banquet given by the Westminster Club on Friday evening, was Captain John S. Wise, of Richmond, Va., a son of the ex-Governor of Virginia, who said he had secured the postponement of a murder trial, in which he is one of the counsel for the defense, for two weeks, in order that he might be present, and he confessed that he would continue to wheedle courts into adjournments whenever similar occasions should require.

Gen. Richard Taylor, familiarly known as "Dick Taylor," and only son of President Zachary Taylor, whose death in New York on Saturday last of dropsy was mentioned in the Gazette, was a graduate of Yale College, and distinguished himself in the late Confederate army as a skillful officer. The funeral took place yesterday from the Church of the Transfiguration, by special request, there were no floral offerings. The pall-bearers were Hon. Hamilton Fish, Charles O'Connor, Secretary of War, Hon. E. M. Davis, Hon. William L. Garrison, George Ticknor Curtis, August Belmont, Charles L. Perkins, Wm. Constable, Abram S. Hewitt, Senator Bayard and Mayor Cooper. The remains were interred in the Marble Cemetery.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The amount of U. S. internal revenue collected last week in Richmond was \$10,790.65.

Col. S. Bassett French, of Chesterfield, is not an applicant for Register of the Land Office, but about a hundred others are.

Some of the citizens of Dolansville, Fauquier county, and immediate neighborhood, have determined on the erection of a neat little Presbyterian church at that station.

Mr. Thomas R. Peers, of Appomattox Co., a veteran of the war of 1812, a prominent Mason and earnest Christian, died one day last week, aged 81 years.

The statement that negroes along the Rappahannock river were emigrating West is not confirmed. Many negroes to that section are engaged in fishing and oystering, and are as happy and prosperous as the whites.

A northern company has purchased the old iron works at Gresham Pass, Rockbridge county, and the company has already arranged for the right of way for a narrow gauge railroad from the works to a point on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

The public debt question was discussed before the people of Palasky county last week by Lieut. Gov. Walker and Gen. Wm. Mahone, the former advocating the compromise bill adopted by the Legislature and the latter opposing it.

The young men of Warrenton have organized a Young Men's Christian Association, and elected Major R. Taylor Scott, President; Robert Fraser, Vice President; W. W. Williamson, Secretary, and J. O. Hodgkin, Treasurer.

A fire in Danville early Saturday morning destroyed eight houses, including the tobacco factory of P. J. Stern, with 8,000 pounds of tobacco, his office and stable, worth \$5,000; the dwelling, ice house and outhouses of J. L. Pair, ice dealer, valued at \$3,000, and two frame buildings belonging to Mrs. H. B. Meade, worth \$600. Some adjoining factories were slightly injured.

An excursion of three hundred West Virginia merchants arrived at Richmond on Wednesday and remain several days. A second excursion will occur two weeks hence, and a third about the 1st of May. These excursions are planned by the C. & O. R. R., and the guests will consist of merchants doing business along the route. Richmond is putting forth every exertion to increase her trade and her example is worthy of imitation.

Shot.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 14.—A special to the Star says:

D. J. Williams, merchant of Laurensburg, N. C., while engaged in closing his store on Saturday night was shot and killed by H. Oglesby. The shooting was the result of an old grudge. Oglesby is in jail.

Attempted Suicide.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., April 14.—Rezekiah Shaffer, the wife murderer, whose execution is fixed for Thursday next, made an attempt at suicide this morning by opening the veins in his arms and legs with a piece of wire taken from a broom handle. He is now delirious and in a very weak condition, and his recovery is doubtful.

ALEXANDRIA AND FAIRFAX AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPANY UNDER THE CHARTER.

A meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association was held at the Commercial Exchange this morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion (J. B. Smoot, W. H. May was called to the chair and James T. Beckham was appointed secretary.

J. B. Smoot, president under the temporary organization of the association, then submitted the following report:

At a meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the Alexandria, Agricultural and Industrial Association held at the Council chamber, January 29, 1878,

John B. Smoot, J. T. Beckham, John Perry, Edgar Snowden, Robert Porter, Philip H. Hooe, Henry Strauss, M. B. Harlow and Thos. Hoy were elected directors with authority to elect a president, secretary, treasurer, &c., and to make all rules, regulations &c. necessary for conducting and holding an Agricultural and Industrial fair.

And organization was effected by the election of John B. Smoot, President, J. T. Beckham, Secretary and John Perry, Treasurer.

After a careful consideration of the adaptability of the various pieces of land offered for the purpose of establishing fair grounds, we decided to lease Peyton's Grove for five years, at an annual rental of two hundred dollars, [200] believing it to be the best place for us, considering our limited means. Being desirous of making our enterprise a success and knowing the managers of the "Woodlawn Club" had large experience and great knowledge in holding and conducting agricultural fairs, we invited them to a conference with us, which, on the 13th day of August 1878, resulted in their uniting with and subscribing for 60 shares of our stock, we giving them five [5] directors—A. W. Pierson, R. F. Roberts, Valentine Baker, C. Lukens and J. Ballenger on our board, and changing the name of our organization to the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association, being unable to get a charter from Judge Keith for the reason that our shares of stock subscribed for were five dollars per share, and the State law required shares of stock to be of the value of ten dollars [\$10] and the Legislature not being in session, we determined to collect our subscriptions and assume the responsibility. We contracted for the buildings, sheds, track &c. and had them all completed and ready for the opening on the 1st day of October 1878. We feel it a duty, as it is a pleasure, to thank the good people of Alexandria and Fairfax for the noble and generous manner in which they came forward and sustained us; it cheered us very much, for we felt while we were doing all we could, that every man, woman and child in Alexandria was assisting and encouraging us, so much so, that the success of the fair went beyond our expectations, and leads us to believe that the next fair will far exceed the first.

We herewith submit a statement showing our receipts and disbursements from our organization to date.

RECEIPTS.	
No shares subscribed for 605.	
Paid in full 580 at \$5.00.	\$2,900.00
Paid in part 43.	78.00
On which nothing paid 45.	
	\$2,978.00
From space in building.	\$320.05
Privileges.	85.63
Sale of trees.	39.50
Lot & Davidson.	15.00
Sale of tickets.	2,724.78
Walking match.	15.00
G. A. Mushbach.	2.75
	3,202.71
	\$6,180.71

DISBURSEMENTS.	
For buildings, track, shed, &c.	\$4,106.52
Premiums.	462.19
Rent to August 1, 1879.	200.00
Expenses.	805.68
Drawback to Tolson.	25.00
	5,598.50
Balance in the treasury.	\$581.91

Should the company determine not to extend its grounds it could easily make a very handsome dividend to its stockholders, but to extend its usefulness we are of the opinion we should extend its grounds and have with that object in view obtained from the Legislature this winter through the efforts of the member from Alexandria, Geo. A. Mushbach, &c., a charter, "To incorporate the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association" and all other persons who may become associated with them. We therefore recommend that you accept the charter, and organize under it. As we have been working as a voluntary association we could not enforce the collection of the subscriptions to the stock, all of which should have been paid as the parties are fully able to do so, and it was upon the faith of the subscribers paying their subscriptions in full, that induced us to go on with the enterprise. We are sorry to be compelled to record the fact that 45 shares have declined to pay anything, 43 shares pay on account only seventy eight dollars.

Respectfully submitted on the part of the Board of Directors.

JNO. B. SMOOT, President.

On motion of N. W. Pierson, the report, as read, was adopted.

The chair then appointed J. B. Smoot and Valentine Baker to ascertain and report the number of shares of stock represented in person or by proxy, and the committee reported, after examination, that there were 268 shares present.

J. B. Smoot then presented to the meeting the charter of the Association as passed by the late Legislature and approved by the Governor, which was read by the Secretary, and is as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, That John B. Smoot, James T. Beckham, John Perry, Edgar Snowden, Robert Porter, Philip H. Hooe, Henry Strauss, M. B. Harlow, and Thos. Hoy, of the city of Alexandria, and N. W. Pierson, R. F. Roberts, Valentine Baker, C. Lukens, and John Ballenger, of the county of Fairfax, and the other members of the voluntary association known as the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association, and all other persons who may become associated with them under the provisions of this act, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association; and as such shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal, and may alter or renew at pleasure, and may sue and be sued, plead and be pleaded, contract and be contracted with, and make all proper and lawful contracts, ordinances and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of this commonwealth.

2. The purposes and object of the association shall be to establish and conduct fairs and other exhibitions of agricultural, horticultural, mining and mechanical products as a means of developing the resources of the commonwealth and of promoting and advancing all industrial pursuits. The principal office of the association shall be kept, and its stockholders' meetings, fairs and exhibitions held, at the city of Alexandria.

3. The said association shall be entitled to take by grant, gift, devise or bequest, and hold real and personal property in value not to exceed fifty thousand dollars.

4. The capital stock of the association shall not be less than two thousand dollars nor more than fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of five dollars each, which shall be paid in cash or instalments as may be required by the by-laws, and the personal liability of every and any stockholder for the debts of the association shall

be limited to the amount unpaid on the shares of the stock subscribed for by such stockholder. All certificates of stock shall be signed by the president and countersigned by the treasurer and secretary of the association. Each stockholder shall have one vote, in person or by proxy, in the election of directors and at all meetings of the stockholders for each share of stock held by him.

5. The annual meetings of the stockholders shall be held at such time as may be provided by the laws of the association. If at any meeting of the stockholders there be present in person or by proxy, those who can give a majority of all the votes which could be given by all the stockholders, the same shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or election of directors, and not otherwise.

6. At the first meeting of the stockholders, under this act and thereafter, at their annual meetings, there shall be elected fifteen directors who shall be stockholders. The voting for directors shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The president, secretary and treasurer, shall have the management, superintendence and control of the property, affairs, business and concerns of the association; they shall make the necessary arrangements for the stated fairs and exhibitions of the association, and prepare and ordain schedules of premiums to be awarded to exhibitors, and they shall annually, or from time to time, as and when the income of the association shall exceed all its debts and expenses, declare and pay dividends out of the net profits of the fairs and exhibitions to the stockholders upon the stock held by them.

7. No monies shall be paid out for or on account of the association, but upon the order of the board of directors, by check or draft upon the treasurer, signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary.

8. The association hereby incorporated may take from John B. Smoot, J. T. Beckham and John Perry, an assignment of a lease heretofore made to them by William H. Marbury, executor, &c., and of the buildings and other structures which have been erected by the voluntary association hereinbefore mentioned upon the lands demised to the three persons above named, shall, from the date of such assignment, become the property of this corporation subject to the provisions of the said lease.

9. This act shall be in force from its passage.

On motion of F. A. Reed, it was

Resolved by the stockholders of the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association, That we hereby accept the charter for this Association passed at the last session of the Legislature.

The Association then proceeded to the election of fifteen directors.

Upon a ballot the following gentlemen were declared duly elected, having received a majority of all the votes cast, W. W. Pierson and C. S. Taylor, Jr., acting as tellers: J. B. Smoot, Jas. T. Beckham, John Perry, M. B. Harlow, P. B. Hooe, E. Snowden, H. Strauss, Thos. Hoy, N. W. Pierson, Valentine Baker, John Ballenger, Courland Lukens, R. F. Roberts, J. H. D. Smoot and F. A. Reed.

Pending the counting of the ballot Joseph Hopkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the stockholders of the Alexandria and Fairfax Agricultural and Industrial Association be and are hereby tendered the old Board of Directors for their efficient and successful management of the affairs of the Association during the past year.

The following resolutions were then presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorized to sell such additional amount of stock as may in their judgment be necessary to best promote the interests of this Association.

Resolved, That the directors of this association this day elected be hereby authorized to accept and receive from John B. Smoot, J. T. Beckham and John Perry, the lease made by them of Peyton's Grove property.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorized to purchase or lease, as to them may seem best, additional land, to extend the fair grounds and erect such buildings and make such further improvements thereon as may seem best for the interest of this association.

On motion of P. B. Hooe, it was resolved that the directors be authorized to issue certificates of stock to all persons who have paid up in full the stock subscribed for by each as recorded by the books of the secretary.

It was also resolved that the question as to what is best to do with the stock held by those who have not paid up in full be referred to the directors for such action as in their judgment may be proper.

The meeting then adjourned.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting the directors were called together and organized by calling Mr. J. H. D. Smoot to the chair and appointing Mr. J. T. Beckham as secretary.

On motion, Mr. John B. Smoot was unanimously chosen president, J. T. Beckham secretary, and John Perry treasurer of the association for the ensuing year.

On motion of N. W. Pierson, a committee of three was appointed to draft by laws for the government of the association, to be presented at the next meeting of the Board, and N. W. Pierson, P. B. Hooe, and F. A. Reed, were appointed said committee.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the Commercial Exchange rooms at 9:30 o'clock on Monday the 28th instant.

"LOVE ALWAYS FINDS A WAY."—Not long ago a Michalese gentleman saw at the theatre a young and pretty donzetta with whose charms he was at once smitten. The next night he managed to obtain the box next to hers, and as there is no separation between the tiers except a thin railing of sufficient height for a man to rest his arm upon when sitting, the proximity to his innamorata was anything but distant. It was the only chance that he possibly might ever have, and there was no way to arrange for a better meeting; nothing was left but to take the present opportunity and make the most of it. So pulling off his coat he wrote his proposal on it, detailing his prospects, position, love and other such things as might prove interesting. When written to suit he quietly placed it in his eyes could direct her to this tale of a shirt. She read, she smiled, she nodded, and the delighted swain knew that the tow drape at a venture had told the mark.—St. Michael's, *Ames, Letter.*

Found Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Josiah Bacon, Treasurer of the Goodyear Dental Vreloante Company of Boston, who came here a short time ago from the East, was found on the floor of his room at Baldwin's hotel yesterday afternoon with a pistol shot wound in his abdomen. He had been dead several hours. No firearms were found in his room, and as the hemorrhage was entirely internal, there were no means of judging of his movements subsequent to the fatal shot, and nothing has as yet transpired to throw any light on the affair. He was a native of Massachusetts. Aged 45 years.

Pedestrianism.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A six days, go as you please match, was commenced at 5 minutes past 12 o'clock this morning in Gilmore's Garden. It is said the winner will get \$1,000 in cash and a half of great value. The affair is entirely a speculation for gate money. Any contestant failing to cover 425 miles gets nothing.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

The Senate after the usual morning business resumed the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill. Mr. Blaine proceeded to address the Senate. Mr. Blaine said that the democrats were endeavoring to force a false issue on the country so as to make it appear that the republicans want to rule elections with the bayonet. This was a false issue. It had no foundation in fact; it was false in whole and false in detail. The evil was that such an impression was not only sought to be made on this country but throughout the world. He indicted the democrats of having uttered a base slander. Mr. Blaine asserted that it could not be shown that there was the least danger from the army in this country, and therefore the pretended alarm expressed was for ulterior purposes. The number of soldiers in the South would not furnish one for a county in the southern States. There was not a soldier for every seven hundred square miles. There were only seven hundred and thirty thousand soldiers in the whole army, and a million of southern people, and one hundred and twenty soldiers to every million in New England. The true intent was to get rid of supervisors of election at the polls during congressional elections. Notwithstanding this the democrats exclaim against and appear only to be frightened at intimidation.

A colloquy took place between Mr. Blaine, Harcourt and Williams of a lively character about troops at the polls, and when it ended, Mr. Blaine said the only information obtained on the subject was that the Senator from Kentucky saw troops at the polls during the war, and the Senator from West Virginia once saw troops at the polls since the war. Under present conditions of getting rid of the army at the polls the democrats seek to exclude even civil officers, but instead will allow two supervisors at elections, mere men of straw, to be counted rather than to count. Now the whole law providing for assistant marshals and supervisors would be worthless unless colored by the civil power.

Mr. Blaine then reviewed the wheels of government, saying that the President approved appropriation bills in the form presented by Congress. Such a movement was never before undertaken, and was an anomaly in legislation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Immediately after the reading of the journal the Speaker proceeded to the call of the States for bills for reference, beginning with the State of Maine.

The first response was made by Mr. Ladd, of Maine, who introduced a bill to put the coinage of gold and silver on the same footing.

At the point of order was thereupon raised by Mr. Conger, of Mich., that the introduction of bills requires one day's notice, and that no such notice had been given.

The Speaker, after quoting several rules bearing on the subject, overruled the point of order.

An appeal from the decision was taken by Mr. Conger, and

A motion to lay the appeal on the table was made by Mr. Cox, of N. Y.

The question was debated by Mr. Stephens, of Ga., who expressed the opinion that the decision was clearly right, and that at all events the object of a bill could always be attained by presenting a petition on the same subject, a course which he himself had pursued this morning in regard to all the objects of legislation which he desired to promote.

Mr. Conger then debated the question, and thus indirectly attained his object, which was the consumption of the morning hour.

After a brief argument by Mr. Reed, of Me., in support of the point of order, and by Mr. Cox, of N. Y., against it,

Mr. Conger called for tellers on the motion to lay on the table. Thereupon

Mr. Springer, of Ill., remarking that he wished to expedite the decision of the question called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and on which

Mr. Conger's ludicrous comment was that he was glad to see that the delay was being occasioned by the action of the democratic side of the House.

The appeal was laid on the table—yeas, 39, nays 75—but the morning hour was used up in the objection, the discussion and the taking of the vote.

Mr. Monroe, of Ohio, moved to suspend the rules and adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this House the business interests of the country require that no legislation changing the law in regard to the currency or tariff shall be undertaken at the present session of Congress.

A vote was then taken by yeas and nays.

The motion to suspend the rules and adopt Mr. Monroe's resolution was defeated—yeas 108, nays 117.

The Committee on Ways and Means voted as follows: In the affirmative, Messrs. Morriss, Garfield, Conger, Frye and Dannelly; in the negative Messrs. Tucker, Folton, Gibson, Phelps, Mills and Carlisle, and not voting Messrs. Kelley and Wood.

U. S. JUDGE FOR MARYLAND.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary today took up the nomination of Mr. R. Stock Mathews to be U. S. District Judge for Maryland, but adjourned until Thursday without acting.

Some Baltimore applicants of the confirmation filed with the Judiciary Committee to day two sets of charges against Mr. Mathews; the first, alleging malfeasance on his part when he held the office of Register in Baltimore and the others impugning his private character for morality.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to day:

Wm. H. Payne to be pension agent at San Francisco; Eli VanPraag, a U. S. Consul, at Paramaribo; John D. Argimbeau, New York at Denia; Francis P